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## **MAN POSING AS SECURITY GUARD CONVICTED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES**

**Shreveport, Louisiana...** Sean M. McCoy, 42, of Shreveport, Louisiana, was convicted by a federal jury of being a felon in possession of a firearm, Acting United States Attorney William J. Flanagan announced today.

McCoy was arrested in July 2009 when a Caddo Parish Sheriff's Deputy responded to a citizen's report of a suspicious person walking down Honey Creek Lane in Shreveport and stopping in front of houses and writing something on paper. According to court testimony, as the sheriff's deputy came in contact with McCoy, McCoy stated, "I am a security guard and I am here investigating an incident." McCoy produced a California law enforcement type badge which was hanging from around his neck and was wearing a law enforcement type nylon web belt and holster which held a loaded Beretta 9mm pistol. McCoy had a previous felony conviction.

McCoy is scheduled for sentencing on May 13, 2010. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide program begun in 2001 and was designed to reduce violence in our communities by aggressively using existing federal firearms laws. This case was investigated by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Shreveport Field Office, Special Agent Joseph Mann. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert W. Gillespie, Jr.

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